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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Taizo SHIRAI et al.  
Serial No. : 09/982,624  
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For : DATA STORAGE DEVICE, DATA RECORDING METHOD,  
DATA PLAYBACK METHOD, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING  
MEDIUM  
Art Unit : 2131

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2001 on the above application, a Declaration duly signed by the  
inventors, and a check in the amount of the required \$130.00  
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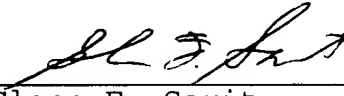
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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the  
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application on its merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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